Præmonitio Kanciæ commitatui;

OR,

A VVARNING-PIECE TO KENT

VVherein are ſundry motives to perſwade the well-affected of that COUNTIE, to haſten their Aſſociation with *Suſſex*, *Surrey*, and *Hampſhiere*.

Lento gradu ad vindictam ſui Divina procellit ira tarditatemque ſupplicij grauitate compenſat, Val. Max.

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A Warning piece to KENT.

A Well wiſher to the languiſhing *Iſland*, with griefe obſerving the vaſt Calamities predominant in moſt of the *Counties* thereof, occaſioned by an inteſtine Warre, and preſaging the danger that KENT will undoubtedly fall into, unleſſe God bee the more mercifull, and the ſpeedier care be taken, for its Aſſociation with the neighbouring Counties; doth tender theſe enſuing lines, to the conſideration of the well-affected Inhabitants, who have a precious regard to their Religion, Liberties, and Lives;

never neerer invaſion and abolition then now.

It is doubted by divers, that the Parliament is not made ſenſible of the hazourdous condition that *Countie* is in, nor what extremities the whole Land may be expoſed unto, in caſe that yet unconquered *Countie*, ſhould be poſſeſſed by a Malignant crew, and therefore the *Author*, out of his affection to the republique in generall, and to KENT in particular, hath publiſhed the following *Quæries*, whereby the impartiall Reader may collect, what cauſe there may be for a ſpeedie Aſſociation.

1. Is the Countie large, and ſtored with Graine, and other rich Commodities? *Quære*, if it be not the fitter receptable for the devouring Cavaliers, who are at a ſtand, or rather ſitting in councell, to thinke where they may diſperſe themſelves, to worke moſt miſchiefe.

2. Is the Countie rich, as who doubts the contrary? *Quære*, how free it hath been to give

give or lend, either to the Parliament, or the neceſſities of poore *Ireland*, the animadverſion whereof, may ſufficiently perſwade any man, how that Countie ſtands affected.

3. Is the Countie *populous*? *Quære*, how inconſiderable the number of good men, are to the Malignants.

4. Is the Countie in part bounded with the *Ocian*? *Quære*, if it be not the more lyable to a forraigne enemy.

5. Are moſt of the Kings ſhips in a River within that Countie? *Quære*, what great cauſe there may bee, for the ſafegaurding them, being the wals of the Kingdome.

6. Is not the principall Magazine for thoſe ſhips at *Chatham-dock*? *Quære*, if the Garriſon under the Command of Captaine *Chapman* there, bee a conſiderable ſtrength, to oppoſe the Sonnes of violence, and to pre-

preserve the Stores, if any attempt should be made.

7. Are the Bridges at *Aylesford*, and *Rochester* very usefull for the stopping and examining of Passengers (the common Roads for the *French* and other Nations)? *Quære*, Whether they have sufficient guards, and such as may be trusted.

8. Hath his sacred Majestie through the advice of those about him, issued Proclamations forbidding that, and the Neighbouring Connties upon severe penalties, neither to associate, nor contribute, to the late weekly Sesse made by our wise Councel in Parliament? *Quære*, if the cause may not bee so much the greater, to spurr us on to an Association.

9. Are the Magistrates within that Countie to be confided in? *Quære*, what parties they adhere unto for it is an old saying and true, *par cum paribus*, birds of a feather will fly

fly together, learne their company you ſhall have their inclinations.

10. Are the Clergie zealous for the Parliament? *Quære*, how forward they bee to read their Declarations, how active they have been to ſtirre up people by their preaching, to give or lend to the Common good, nay enquire further, if they do not alow of diſcourſes againſt the great Councell of our Land, by not reproving thoſe that belch out their Malignities, I dare ſay no more (though I might bee copious in this particular) leſt I ſhould make the black gaurd riſe in the head, and under that pretence to raiſe a Partie before their time.

11. Is the Countie forward, to furniſh themſelves with a zealous Miniſtry? *Quær.* Who complains of their diſordred Teachers, the hollow-heartedneſſe of the County appeares in nothing more, I pray GOD this ſinne may not be laid to their Charge, who are ſilent in that particular.

12. Doth the Countie abound with Taverns

verns, and Victualling-houſes? *Quære*, if the multitudes of thoſe that frequent them be not great, and for the moſt part ill-affected, excepting the Cathedrall and Cathedralized-Clergie within the two Cities, and the places adjacent.

13. Doth the County exceed in Gentry? *Quære*, the Eaſt and ſome other parts, how many have ſhewed themſelves active, either in their words or deeds for the Parliament, good Sir *Michael Liveſey* muſt troope it a lone, others are aſhamed to appeare in Gods cauſe.

Beloved in *Kent*, I have given you thirteene *Quæries* to the *dozen*, if you bee not willing to ſacrifice your Lives for the Parliaments good, yet out of your ſeverall relations to *Piety*, your *Families*, *Eſtates*, and *priveledges*, conſider whether the *premiſſes* may not be neceſſary motives for haſtening you to an Aſſociation, which I heare you are backward in, and if after ſo plain a *præmonition* you ſhall with-hold your mutuall furtherance to that worke, when miſery fals upon you, ſay you had a *Warning-piece* from a Friend. *Qui ante non cavet, poſt dolebit.*